

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with payment of the Issue Fee.

I. Summary of Telephone Interview

Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Jason Borlinghaus and Supervisory Patent Examiner James Kramer for the courtesy they extended during the telephone interview conducted on June 2, 2008. During the telephone interview, Mr. Schoenbaum proposed amendments to claims 1, 20 and 32, and Mr. Borlinghaus and Mr. Kramer provided feedback on the proposed amendments. Mr. Schoenbaum thereafter sent a proposed amended claim set which reflected the feedback to Examiner Borlinghaus, and authorized entry by Examiner's Amendment. The proposed amended claim set canceled claim 16 and amended claims 1, 17, 20 and 32. No specific prior art was discussed and no exhibits were presented. Mr. Schoenbaum also pointed out that Appl. No. 09/928,977, which contains substantially the same disclosure, remains pending before Examiner Clement Graham.

II. Summary of Amendments Under Rule 312

By this Amendment, Applicants are amending the claims as follows:

- Dependent claim 16 is being canceled. (Applicants had authorized cancellation of claim 16 by Examiner's Amendment, but the claim has not yet been canceled.)
- Claim 17 is being amended to correct a typographical error introduced in the Examiner's Amendment.
- Non-elected claims 42-53, which were previously withdrawn, are now being canceled. (Although not listed as pending, the record does not clearly indicate that these claims have been canceled.)

If any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at 949-721-2950.

By authorizing the amendments to the claims, Applicants are not conceding that any previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the application's disclosure.